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**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

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Re: United States v. Hosame Dergasly  
22 Cr. 241 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

I write to request that Your Honor order the United States Pretrial Services Office in the Southern District of New York to release Mr. Hosame Dergasly's passport to Mr. Dergasly, or to a representative from my office.

Mr. Dergasly's passport was surrendered to Pretrial Services during the pendency of his criminal case. On February 22, 2023, Mr. Dergasly received a sentence of 11 months on each of two counts, with the terms to run concurrently, followed by two years of supervised release. Mr. Dergasly was released from Orange County Correctional Facility on July 12, 2023. Pretrial Services has informed my office that they can only release Mr. Dergasly's passport pursuant to a Court order. We thus respectfully request that the Court order the release of his passport.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED:

  
HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN

United States District Judge 8/27/23